

<b>DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY ORIGINAL APPLICATION</b>	<b>ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO.</b>
	<b>23902-00003</b>

**As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:**

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor or an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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the specification of which is attached hereto.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification identified above, including the claims.

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- no such applications have been filed, or
- such applications have been filed as follows:
- I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below

Country	Application No.	Date of Filing	Date of Issue	Priority Claimed Under 35 U.S.C. 119	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional provisional application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto.

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States application(s) or §35(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

Application Number	Filing Date	Status (Patented, Pending, Abandoned)

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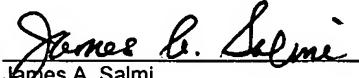
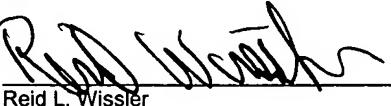
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